



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: GENE EXAMINATION METHOD FOR JUDGING THE ONSET RISK OF  
GLAUCOMA

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
July 6, 2006:

**REMARKS**

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: none
2. Identification of claims discussed: all
3. Identification of art discussed: Stone et al. (US Patent No. 6,956,103)
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: recitation of myocilin gene and specific genetic variations.
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: recitation of specific gene and variations would overcome cited art.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: re-writing claims to place more fully in US claim format.

7. Results of Interview: Examiner agreed to review new claim set to be filed in Amendment, and reconsider rejections based on new claim set.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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